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1 – State regulators: No 'immediate health concerns' from Deer Park terminal fire, Texas Tribune, 3/18/19

<https://www.texastribune.org/2019/03/18/texas-deer-park-fire-regulators-health-concerns/>

In a statement Monday afternoon, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said air quality monitoring "had not detected any immediate health concerns at ground level" amid a multi-tank fire at a petrochemical storage facility near Houston.

2 - Deer Park plant fire: What you need to know about the chemicals, San Antonio Express-News, 3/19/19

<https://www.expressnews.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Deer-Park-toxic-chemicals-toxic-poisonous-fire-gas-13696801.php>

At least three identifiable chemicals are involved in the ongoing fire at the Intercontinental Terminals Company facility in Deer Park, according to plant officials.

3 - Plaintiffs ask for ruling to return oversight of coal ash disposal to the EPA, The Oklahoman, 3/18/19

<https://newsok.com/article/5626248/plaintiffs-ask-for-ruling-to-return-oversight-of-coal-ash-disposal-to-the-epa>

The plaintiffs in a lawsuit that seeks to void the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to allow Oklahoma to regulate coal ash disposal is seeking a summary judgement from a U.S. District Court judge in the District of Columbia, they have announced.

4 - Opponents make case against Chaco drilling, E&E News, 3/19/19

<https://www.eenews.net/energywire/2019/03/19/stories/1060127601>

The San Juan Mine could continue to provide coal to the San Juan Generating Station, or another customer, until 2033, according to an Environmental Impact Statement.

5 - Federal study says San Juan mine could stay open, Albuquerque Journal, 3/16/19

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1293426/federal-study-says-san-juan-mine-could-stay-open.html>

Ethanol consumption fell in 2018 for the first time in 20 years, an industry group said today, blaming the decline on EPA's decision to ease ethanol blending requirements for some small refineries.

6 – Entergy announces plans for 3rd solar project in Arkansas, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 3/19/19

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2019/mar/18/entergy-announces-plans-3rd-solar-project-arkansas/?news-arkansas>

Entergy Arkansas and NextEra Energy Resources have announced plans for a new, 100-megawatt solar facility near Searcy. Entergy says that if approved by the Arkansas Public

Service Commission, the project will be the largest utility-owned solar facility in the state. The utility said Monday that the project is expected to be in service by 2021.

7 – How co-ops are bringing solar power to rural America, E&E News, 3/19/19

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1060127583>

In 2014, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association studied what some of its members saw as a touchy subject: local electricity powered by the sun. NRECA, based in Arlington, Va., is the trade association for 900 local rural electric co-ops that came to life in 1942, when its members were dependent on coal.

8 - FEMA changes for flood insurance program put burden on riskiest properties, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 3/18/19

https://www.nola.com/national_politics/2019/03/fema-changes-for-flood-insurance-program-put-burden-on-riskiest-properties.html

Climate advocates say an overhaul of the nation's flood insurance program being unveiled by the Trump administration will spur communities around the country to better plan for extreme weather, but could drive up costs for some homeowners.

9 - Coastal program saved billions by deterring development — study, E&E News, 3/19/19

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2019/03/19/stories/1060127581>

A federal program has saved taxpayers billions of dollars in disaster relief payments by keeping environmentally sensitive coastal areas clear of buildings, roads and infrastructure, a new study says.

10 – Dillard University students test air quality in Lower 9th Ward, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 3/19/19

<https://www.nola.com/environment/2019/03/dillard-university-students-test-air-quality-in-lower-9th-ward.html>

On a windy, overcast day in March, two Dillard University students stood on a viewing platform looking out onto the Bayou Bienvenue Wetlands Triangle in New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward. A junior majoring in biology, Kia Smith, wore a mobile air monitoring device about the size of a lipstick tube around her neck. Her peer, Danielle Raphael, a senior majoring in public health, looked at real-time data transmitted from the monitor to her phone.

11 – FERC gives environmental OK to terminal near Texas refuge, E&E News, 3/19/19

<https://www.eenews.net/energywire/2019/03/19/stories/1060127553>

Federal regulators have given final environmental approval for a South Texas liquefied natural gas and export terminal in a migratory corridor for rare animals.

12 –3.0 magnitude earthquake shakes state, E&E News, 3/19/19

<https://www.eenews.net/energywire/2019/03/19/stories/1060127551>

No injuries have been reported following a 3.0 magnitude earthquake that shook parts of central Oklahoma. The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake was reported at 11:49 p.m. Saturday about 7 miles northwest of the Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond. It was recorded at a depth of about 5 miles.